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Members of the Cabinet South Cambridgeshire District Council South Cambridgeshire Hall Cambourne CB23 6EA

Dear Members of SCDC Cabinet,

<u>Preliminary Proposal of Little Gransden Parish Council to SCDC Cabinet for Acquistion of Land to the northwest of 7 Primrose Walk- November 2022</u>

We write to request that our Parish Council's preliminary application to SCDC Housing Department for the acquisition of the land to the northwest of Primrose Walk. Little Gransden be considered at your meeting on 14 November.

Little Gransden has no public open space area and no playground. Our residents have no space to meet up in an outdoor area to socialise, or to partake in group outdoor exercise. We wish to provide a carefully designed playground area with a variety of biodiverse stations that can be educational in the appreciation, care and preservation of native plants, trees and flowers.

We propose to consult residents and actively involve them in its design. Many members of our local community have professional expertise and skills in land management, wildlife conservation, biodiversity and horticulture. We shall make a pitch to recruit and coordinate a rota of volunteers in its up-keep and future developments.

The sub-group of Parish Councillors allocated to this project will also be conferring with organisations, including the local branch of the Wildlife Trust and the Cambridgeshire and Peterbrough Environmental Records Centre (CPERC) to obtain the best advice on the type of plants to grow to attract t insects, birds and other wildlife to the area.

Our exciting vision for developing this green space for our community intends to explore and implement innovative ways so that our residents can enjoy a peaceful space as well as having the opportunity to plant commemorative trees and shrubs in celebration of important life events, such as birthdays and anniversaries. We hope also to make the space a focal point where visitors are reminded about the urgent need to address climate change and how they can contribute towards a Zero Carbon Community.

Our ambition is to secure and realise this acquisition in time to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III in May 2023.

Thank you for considering our proposal

Yours sincerely

Noushin Rostami (Mrs) Chair- ittle Gransden Parish Council